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DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
17 September 1997

FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

97-013	Foreign Patent Costs: Revises cost principles to make the costs associated with filing and protecting foreign patents expressly allowable on Govt contracts. CCP Cmte recommended that no FAR revisions are necessary.	AIA met with Council to explain its position. Council reaffirmed its position that no FAR changes are needed. Navy legal member to prepare briefing paper for Director, Defense Procurement outlining Industry's arguments for and Council's arguments opposing changes.
97-027	Mandatory Government Source Inspection: Revises the requirement for government source inspection from mandatory to discretionary based on acquisition circumstances.	Agreed to draft proposed (vice interim) rule, as edited.
97-D027	Title to Government Property: Reduces amount of Government property in the possession of DoD contractors.	Agreed to proposed rule. Subject to reclama by 09/24/97.
96-D319	Authority to Waive Foreign Purchase Restrictions: Implements Division E of the FY96 Defense Authorization Act. Revises FAR to incorporate statutory provisions on information technology management.	Agreed to final rule, as edited.
97-D029	Reporting of Contract Performance Outside the United States: Increases threshold for quarterly reporting of subcontracts to be performed outside the US from \$25,000 to the simplified acquisition threshold and increases threshold for flow-down to first-tier subcontracts from \$100,000 to \$500,000.	Agreed to proposed rule.

NOTE: Mr. Allen Brown has been designated as Acting Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy. No word yet on permanent replacement for Dr. Kelman.